

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2008. In the event any fees are necessary in connection with the present Amendment, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Status of Claims

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that the application would be allowed with claim 23 if all claims dependent on claims 1 and 15 were cancelled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to place these claims in independent form by incorporating the language of the base claims and any intermediate claims from which they previously depended.

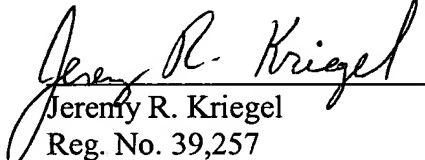
The Office Action mailed May 5, 2008 additionally indicated that "the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed all rejections against claim(s) 3, 5 and 16 ...". While the Applicant agrees with respect to claims 3 and 5, and has now placed those claims in independent form, the Applicant notes the Board affirmed of the rejection of claim 16 as unpatentable over Morrison in view of Carrow, Wyre, and Pinion (see Board of Appeal's decision dated February 26, 2008, at 14). Therefore, the Applicant hereby cancels claim 16. Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-22 are canceled. Thus, claims 3, 5 and 23, all of which are independent, remain pending in the application.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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